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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Chowdhary, et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/501,559  
Confirmation No.: 4061  
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For: IMPROVED HYDRATION OF GUAR GUM POWDER

Group/Art Unit: 1761  
Examiner: C. Nessler

Docket No.: ECO530/4-2

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement mailed out by the Examiner on March 26, 2001 (the "Restriction Requirement"), Applicants make provisional elections as set forth in this paper, subject to the traversals and reservations also set forth in this paper.

**Remarks:**

1. Claims 1-40 are pending in the application. All 40 claims are designated by the Examiner as subject to a restriction requirement.